

c. s. c. wrote to Cap^t Smith, and request you would with his assistance inquire into the affair and see that the peace is preserved. If Keener be guilty of any offence, let him be prosecuted according to law, and the resolves of Congress and Convention. We must observe once for all that mobbing men of doubtful principles is not the way to gain friends to the cause of America. This is the same person we wrote you about in our first letter (whose case was referred to a special Committee) but no answer given on account of the hurry and confusion Baltimore Town was then in by congress removing from Philadelphia.

Surely Gent. it is in your power with the assistance of Cap^t Smith to put a stop to such riotous and irregular proceedings.

We have considered the deposition transmitted us against John Ross and desire you would direct him to attend our Board according to the condition of his bond on Monday the 27th instant. What you tell us of the people framing a petition to Lord Howe and the Riots complained of in Baltimore Town have induced the Council of Safety to pass an order, a copy of which is inclosed to you and to each of the Captains

James Calhoun Esq chairman

We are &c

Committee Observⁿ for Balt. Town.

[John Smith, Jr., to Council.]

Gentlemen.

Baltimore 18th Jan^y 1777.

My brother who is just returned from Annapolis informs me that you have occasion for and want to purchase a vessell. I lately bought a Snow which I would be willing to part with, it not being in my power to put her into the trade I at that time intended. She is English built and will carry about 1500 Bbls Flour. She is exceeding well found and will want scarce any repairs. An inventory I now inclose you. She cost me at public Sale £1720, for which price you may have her allowing me the commission you give to those who purchase Ships for you. I will be much obliged for your answer p^r M^r Sterret who carries this, or sooner if possible and am,

Gentlemen,

Your Obed^t Servant

John Smith Jun^r

To The Honble The Council of Safety
Annapolis

Inventory of the Snow George, viz.

Hull, masts, yards, Bowsprit, standing and running Rigger, One Boat, Two bower and one kedg Anchor and one Graplin Two Bower Cables, Two Hawsers, Two fore Top Sails,